Mornington Peninsula Shire

AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2026

5:00 PM

ONLINE ZOOM MEETING

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL

WARDS AND COUNCILLORS

Beek Beek	**Cr Kate Roper**
Benbenjie	**Cr Max Patton**
Briars	**Vacant**
Brokil	**Cr Patrick Binyon**
Coolart	**Cr David Gill**
Kackeraboite	**Cr Stephen Batty**
Moorooduc	**Cr Bruce Ranken**
Nepean	**Cr Andrea Allen**
Tanti	**Cr Paul Pingiaro**
Tootgarook	**Cr Cam Williams**
Warringine	**Cr Michael Stephens**

EXECUTIVE TEAM

Mr Mark Stoermer	**Chief Executive Officer**
Ms Cheryl Casey	**Director – Communities**
Mr Andrew Pomeroy	**Director – Planning and Liveability**
Mr Davey Smith	**Director – Assets and Infrastructure**
Ms Kelly Gillies	**Chief of Staff**

OBSERVERS

Prue Digby	**Municipal Monitor**
Rebecca McKenzie	**Municipal Monitor**

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1 OPENING AND WELCOME

Chairperson – Mayor, Cr Stephen Batty

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

To be read by Cr Patton

Mornington Peninsula Shire acknowledges the Bunurong people, who have been the custodians of this land for many thousands of years; and pays respect to their elders past and present. We acknowledge that the land on which we meet is the place of age-old ceremonies, celebrations, initiation and renewal; and that the Bunurong peoples' living culture continues to have a unique role in the life of this region..

2 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

2.1 Apologies

2.2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest Pursuant to Sections 126 – 131 of the *Local Government Act 2020*

3 MANAGEMENT REPORTS

OFFICE OF THE CEO

3.1 2025/2026 Annual Financial Report and Performance Statement

Issued By	Financial Controller
Authorised By	Chief Executive Officer
Document ID	A14051506
Briefing Note Number	Not applicable
Attachment(s)	1. 2025/2026 MPSC Financial Report 2. 2025/2026 MPSC Performance Statement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In compliance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the *Act*), Council must approve 'in principle' the draft Financial Report and the draft Performance Statement (draft Statements) for the year ended 30 June 2026 and authorise two Councillors to certify the draft Statements in their final form, on behalf of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **Approves in principle the draft Financial Report (Attachment 1) and the draft Performance Statement (Attachment 2) for the year ended 30 June 2026 and authorises them to be forwarded to the Auditor-General.**

2. **Authorises Mayor, Councillor Stephen Batty and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Paul Pingiaro, to certify the Financial Statements and Performance Statement.**

COUNCIL PLAN

This aligns with the Council Plan 2025-2029, in particular:

Performance: A transparent, accountable Council delivering measurable, community-centred services that are cost-effective, fit-for-purpose, future-proofed, and responsive to community needs.

- Strategic Objective 4.1: A financially sustainable, high-performing and well-governed Council.

GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLES

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles. This report aligns with principles B, G and I which are:

B. Priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations.

G. The ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured.

I. The transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

RELEVANT COUNCIL DECISIONS AND POLICIES

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

Purpose

In compliance with the *Act*, Council must approve 'in principle' the draft Financial Report and the draft Performance Statement (draft Statements) for the year ended 30 June 2026 and authorise two Councillors to certify the draft Statements in their final form, on behalf of Council.

On 3 September 2026, the Audit and Risk Committee recommended that Council approve 'in principle' the draft Financial Report and draft Performance Statement for the year ended 30 June 2026, subject to being provided with the changes to comments made in respect to the draft Financial Report and draft Performance Statement. Since this meeting, changes from Victorian Auditor-General's office have also been actioned and included in the attachments.

Background

The Annual Financial Report provides detailed information on actual outcomes for the financial year, as per section 98 of *the Act* and includes Financial Statements consisting of the Comprehensive Income Statement, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows, Statement of Capital Works and the notes to the Financial Statements. The Annual Financial Statements comply with Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting

requirements. The Financial Statements compare actual results to the previous year.

The Performance Statement must contain the prescribed indicators and measures of service performance outcome, financial performance and sustainable capacity and results for each indicator.

Options for Consideration

Not applicable.

ENGAGEMENT

Not applicable.

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Not applicable.

LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Section 99 (2) of *the Act* requires Council to approve 'in principle' the Financial Report and Performance Statement before they are forwarded to the Auditor-General. Council is also required, under section 99 (3) (a), to pass a resolution authorising two Councillors to certify the statements on behalf of Council once the Auditor-General has provided audit clearance.

At the completion of the annual external audit process a 'Closing Report' is prepared by the Victorian Auditor-General's office, which summarises the audit objectives, scope and audit opinions of the Auditor-General and significant audit findings. The Auditor-General's office also prepares a 'Management Letter' raising internal control issues to be addressed by Council and Shire officers.

CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct climate and sustainability considerations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no direct financial considerations.

OFFICER DECLARATION

No person involved in the preparation of this report has a General or Material interest requiring disclosure.